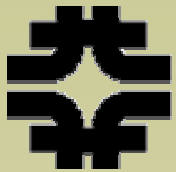

Piping Flexibility Studies Using IDEAS Finite Element Analysis Software



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Presentation Outline

- ◆ What is piping flexibility?
- ◆ Project objectives
- ◆ Analysis description
- ◆ Results
- ◆ Recommendations

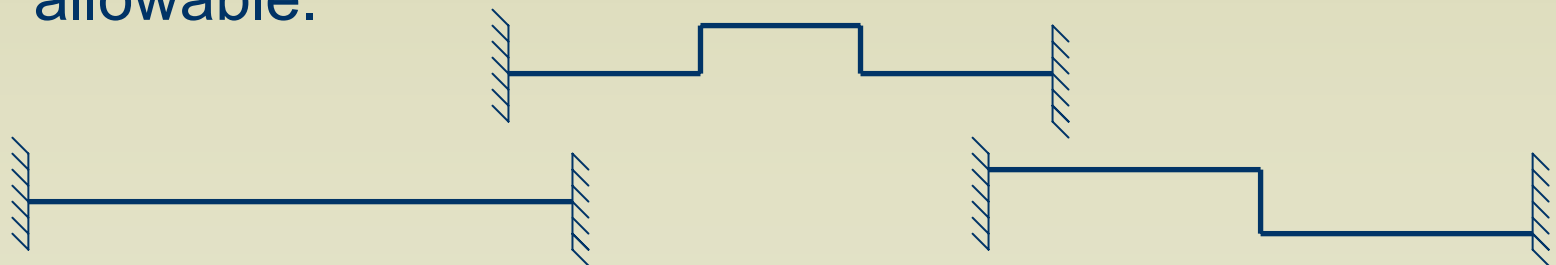
What is piping flexibility?

- ◆ Why?

Engineering materials respond to temperature rise with a nearly proportional increase of linear dimensions

For stainless steel → 9.6 micro-inches per inch per deg. F.

- ◆ Piping needs to be flexible to account for thermal expansion and to keep thermal stresses below the allowable.



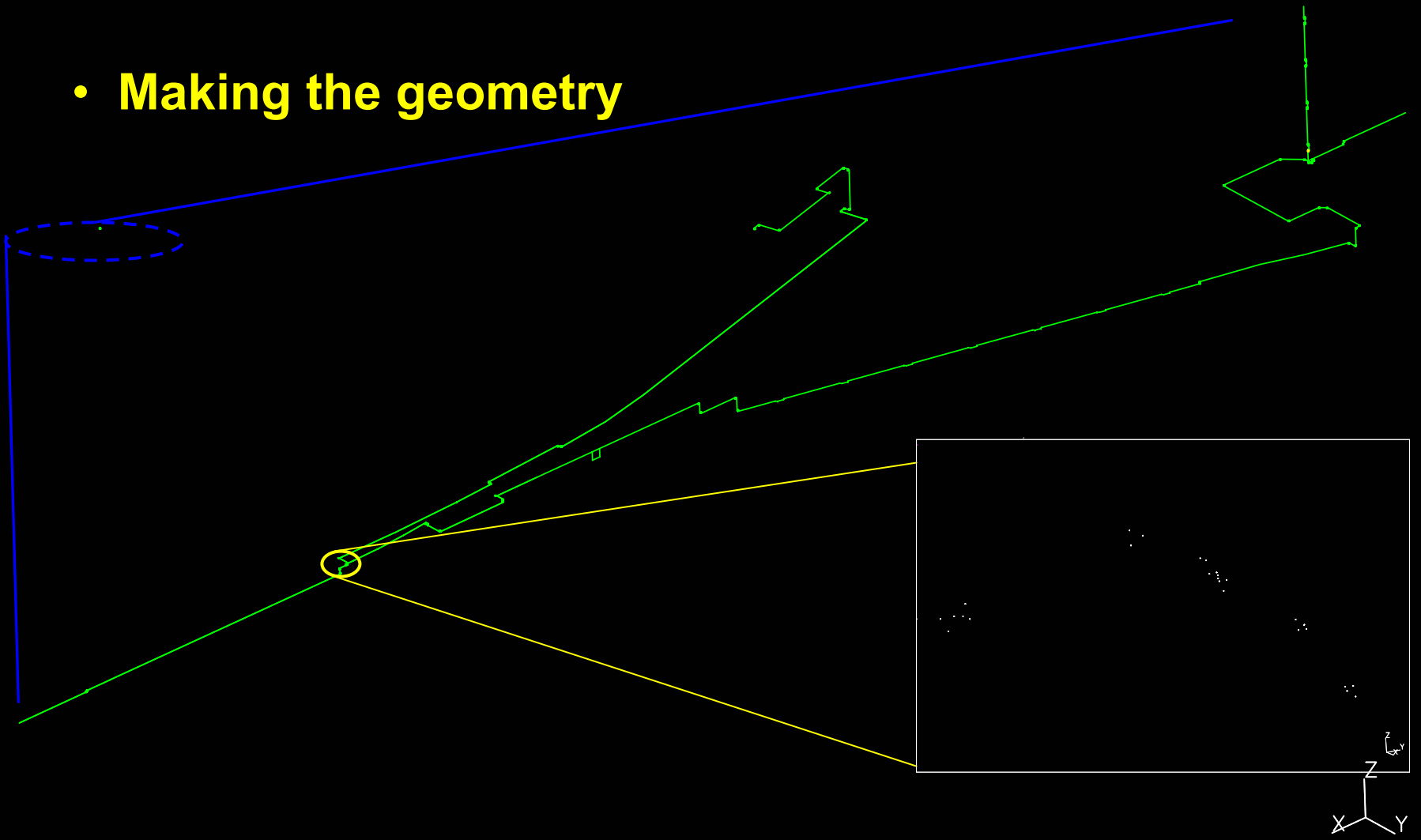


Project Objectives

- ◆ **Serve as an engineering note** to make suggestions and changes to assure that the piping system will work correctly under the influence of temperature changes.
- ◆ **Thoroughly describe the analysis method developed** to be helpful in future analysis of this sort and other kinds of structural analysis.

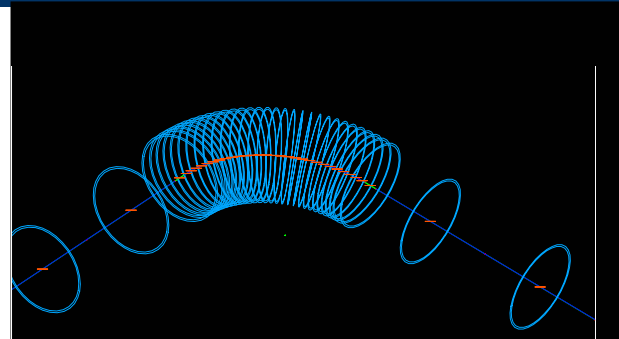
Analysis Description

- Finite Elements
- Making the geometry



Analysis Description

- ◆ Meshing



- ◆ Boundary conditions

- Clamp
- Gap elements
- Temperature

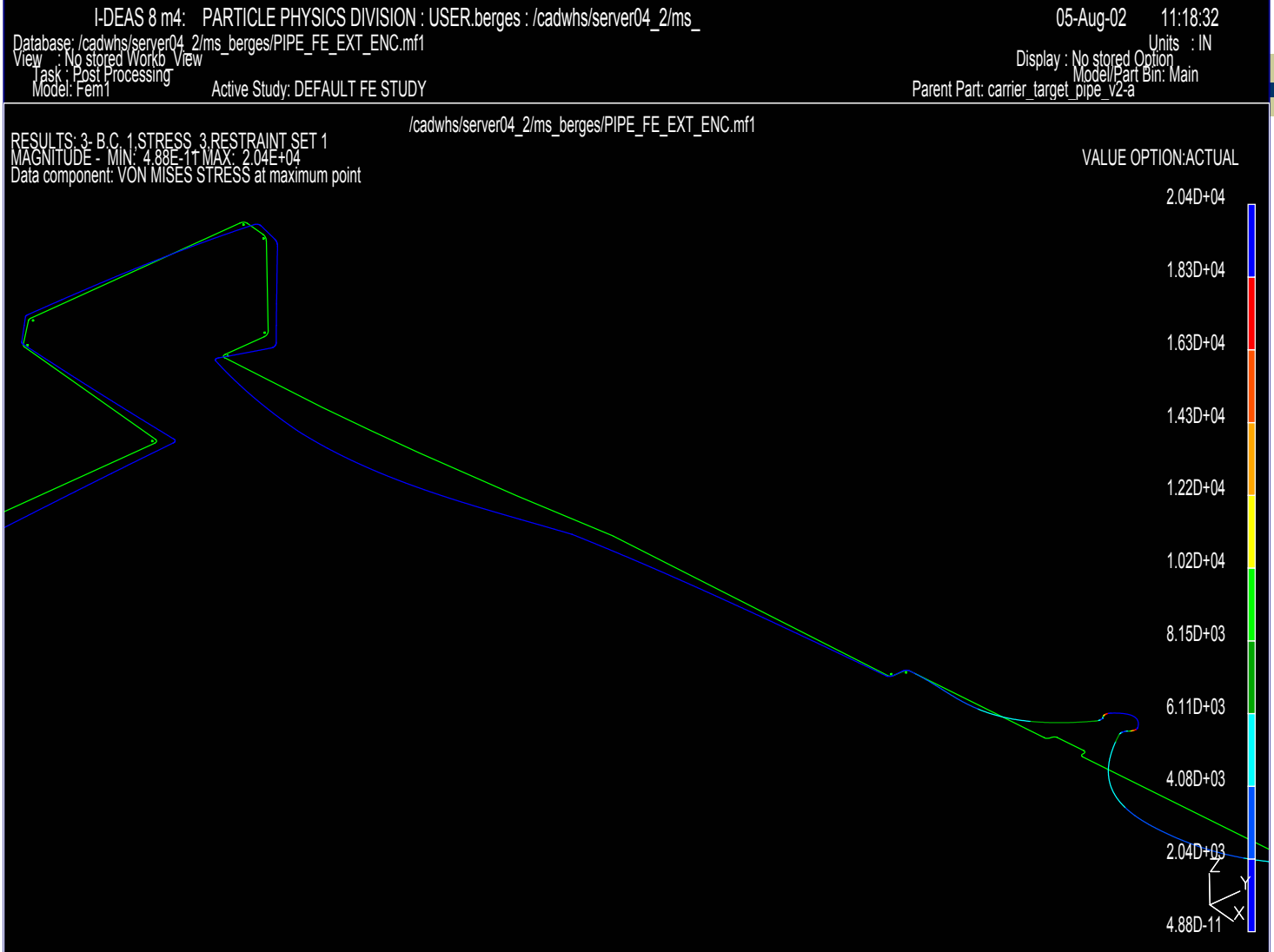
- ◆ Approach to model solution

- Start simple, add more gap elements as needed.

Results

- ◆ Maximum stress
20100 psi
- ◆ Maximum reaction vector
{-3225, -47, -509, -434, 0, -2748}
- ◆ Maximum contact force
70#
- ◆ Maximum longitudinal displacement
3.70"

Results





Recommendations

- ◆ Reaction at ends
- ◆ Support clearance
- ◆ Location and spacing of supports
- ◆ Design of the middle part of the system to remove carrier clamps.



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Thank you!